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PRESS RELEASE

PHILADELPHIA – United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan today announced the indictment¹ of DERRICK RHODES who is charged with convicted felon in possession of a firearm and possession of marijuana. Under federal law, convicted felons are prohibited from possessing firearms and ammunition. The indictment alleges that on March 8, 2006, in Philadelphia, RHODES possessed a Harrington & Richardson .32 caliber revolver, serial number 454622, loaded with six live rounds of ammunition.

This indictment is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, an initiative by the United States Attorney's Office, all District Attorney's Offices in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Philadelphia Police Department and other Police Departments, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms, to identify and prosecute firearms offenders in federal court, where the defendants are likely to receive a substantial sentence upon conviction.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
DERRICK RHODES	PHILADELPHIA, PA.	20 years old

If convicted the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of 11 years imprisonment, 3 years supervised release, a fine of at least \$1,000 to \$350,000, and a \$125 special assessment.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives' Violent Crime Impact Team, made up of ATF Special Agents, Philadelphia Police Department Detectives, and Agents of the Pennsylvania Attorney Generals' Bureau of Narcotics Investigation, and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Eric B. Henson.

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